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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-4, 7-8, 11-14, 16-26, 29-32, and 34-37 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The specification, drawings, and claims 3 and 18 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 5-6, 9-10, 15, 27-28, and 33 are canceled. Claims 1 and 16 are independent.

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Extension of Time

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/660,754

Docket No.: K06-161131M/TBS

Dear Examiner Binda:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 1, 2005, along with two copies of the Petition and Fee for One-Month Extension of Time which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

James E. Howard

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